UNITED STATES SHIP LST 465 Monday 20 December 1943.

Zone Description -11

REMARKS

00 - 04 - Anchored in anchorage P11, Milne Bay, New Guinea. Main engines secured.

Geo. F. Woodliff
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04 - 08 - Anchored as before. 0430 - General Quarters, Red alert given. 0437 - Started main engines, all preparations made for getting underway. 0521 - Started heaving on anchor. 0525 - Underway at various speeds and courses in Milne Bay. 0554 - Secured from General Quarters. 0559 - Secured anchor with three shackles of chain at water's edge.

C. P. Johnson
C. P. Johnson

08 - 12 - Anchored as before. 0841 - All preparation made for getting underway. 0845 - Underway to position in column. 0856 - Set course 100 T. 0904 - C/c to 110 T. to form on Flagship. 0905 - C/c to 120 T. 0907 - C/c to 130 T. 0917 - C/c to 105 T. 0950 - Turned left to 095 T. 0953 - Turned right to 105 T. 1025 - C/c to 076 T. 1053 - Two cruisers sighted bearing 118 T. 1132 - C/c to 050 T.

S. W. Schallert
S. W. Schallert

12 - 16 - Underway as before. 1215 - Leili Cani abeam to starboard. 1220 - C/c to 345 T. On range for passing through Jackdaw Channel. 1232 - Red drum buoy abeam to port. 1233 - Black drum buoy abeam to starboard. 1237 - Red drum buoy abeam to port, approximate distance 100 yards. 1238 - Cay buoy abeam to starboard, approximate distance 75 yards. Passed through Jackdaw Channel. 1252 - C/c to 305 T. 1255 - Formed column open order. 1425 - C/c and speed to go into formation bearing 90 degrees to port from the Flagship. 1440 - C/c to 035 T forming in column. 1445 - Turned 90 degrees to port to course 305 T., forming 90 degrees of Flagship. 1450 - Turned 15 degrees to port, course 290 T. 1504 - C/c to 215 T (75 degrees to port simultaneously) 1510 - C/c to 305 T and pgc. in column. 1524 - Formed 165 degrees to port from Flagship, course 305 T, distance 400 yards.

1300 - Swain, Harold Clinton, PhM3c, USNR, was tried by a Deck Court for sleeping on watch and sentenced to lose $26.00 per month of his pay for a period of two (2) months, total lose amounting to $52.00 and to perform twenty(20) hours extra police duty.

Ross J. Whitlock
Ross J. Whitlock

16 - 20 - Underway as before. 1601 - Exercised at fire drill. 1611 - Secured from Fire Drill. 1801 - Formed in column open order. 1900 - Ship is darkened. 1950 - Ipoteto Island light abeam to port bearing 215 pgc. Distance two and three-quarters miles.

Geo. F. Woodliff
Geo. F. Woodliff

20 - 24 - Underway as before. 2300 - Sighted Tufi range lights bearing 305 T. 2310 - Following movements of Flagship according with signal received.

C. P. Johnson
C. P. Johnson

Matthew F. Stirling

REMARKS

00 - 04 - Underway on course 305 T., standard speed in company with two other ships. Ship is in Condition of Readiness III, Material Condition BAKER. Running lights are turned on to run Tufi Range. 0005 - Formed one eight. 0007 - C/c to 307 T. 0035 - Ham Reef light abeam to port. 0108 - Hall Point light sighted bearing 332 T. 0110 - C/c to 350 T. 0140 - Tufi Range lights abeam to port. 0155 - C/c to 315 T. 0214 - Running lights turned out. 0222 - C/c to 270 T. 0230 - Formed column open order. 0235 - Spear Island light sighted bearing 260 T. 0330 - Spear Island light abeam to port.

S. W. Schallert

04 - 08 - Underway as before. 0441 - C/c to 305 T. 0622 - C/c to 255 T. 0656 - C/s to one third ahead. 0703 - C/c to 230 T. 0708 - Formed in column. 0714 - C/c to 310 T., C/s to two thirds ahead. 0721 - Formed 90 degrees to starboard from the Flagship, distance 2000 yards. 0726 - All engines stopped.

Ross J. Whitlock

08 - 12 - Lying to preparing to anchor. 0748 - Anchored in Oro Bay, New Guinea, three shackles of chain out, awaiting further orders from Commander LST Group Twenty. 0808 - Anchor aweigh, proceeding to another anchorage off Cape Sudest, on various courses and at various speeds. 0859 - Anchored in new anchorage off Cape Sudest, four shackles of chain out.

Geo. F. Woodliff

12 - 16 - Anchored as before. 1227 - Main engines started, all preparations made for getting underway. 1233 - Underway, port engine not operating properly, lost sea suction. 1235 - Underway in accordance with Commander LST Group Twenty V/S to shift anchorage to two miles south of Cape Sudest range. Proceeding on course 180 T. 1252 - Stopped all engines. 1258 - Bow anchor let go, three shackles in the water. Anchored approximately five miles off Cape Sudest. 1300 - Port engine repaired. Secured main engines and anchor detail. 1445 - HILL, William Ernest, 665 68 68, F2c, USN, was transferred to the Commanding Officer, 363rd. Station Hospital, U. S. Army, Oro Bay, for medical treatment. Authority being BMS Form "G".

C. P. Johnson

16 - 20 - Anchored as before. 1615 - Made all preparation to get underway. 1620 - Underway with orders to anchor ~~at~~ 295 "B" jetty. On various courses and speeds to range. 1642 - C/c to 267 T to proceed in to beach on range. 1657 - Received orders to beach. Made all preparation to beach, set Special Beach detail. 1704 - Beached 100 yards south of "B" jetty, too far out from water line, retracted from beach. 1732 - Proceeding back to beach. 1738 - Beached. 1739 - Secured Special Beach Detail. 1755 - Main engines secured. 1929 - Darkened ship. 1935 - Started main engines. 1940 - Going ahead on main engines, at various speeds to keep ship on beach.

S. W. Schallert

20 - 24 - Beached as before.

Ross J. Whitlock

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 465 Wednesday 22 December 1943.
Zone Description -11

REMARKS

00 - 04 - Beached at Cape Sudest, New Guinea. Main engines in use to keep steady on beach.

Geo. F. Woodliff

04 - 08 - Beached as before.

C. P. Johnson

08 - 12 - Beached as before. 1100 - SWANSON, Leonard Syemour, 861 22 38, GM3c, V6 USNR, transferred to USS LST 470 for duty. Authority: Commander Service Force Seventh Fleet's assignment order no. 57-43 of December 1, 1943. 1105 - Began loading cargo. 1145 - Stopped all engines on orders from Captain Scruggs, running quarter lines to jetty on starboard and to beach on port. 1145 - Passengers, 100 men and 1 officer, reported aboard for transportation. Passengers consisting of Marines.

S. W. Schallert

12 - 16 - Beached as before.

Ross J. Whitlock

16 - 20 - Beached as before. 1800 - HEMMINGS, Garnet Grafton, 755 51 68, SK3c, USNR, caused a disturbance aboard ship and refused to obey lawful commands. The Executive Officer, during absence of Commanding Officer, ordered said man committed to the brig. He resisted arrest and was forcibly placed there by the Master at Arms and guards. Immediately afterward he created a violent disturbance in the brig, screaming and kicking the door. Upon order from the Medical Officer aboard, he was removed to the tank deck under guard to await arrival of Military Police, U.S. Army from the beach.

Geo. F. Woodliff

20 - 24 - Beached as before. 2035 - HEMMINGS, Garnet Grafton, was taken into custody of the Provost Marshall, U.S. Army, Oro Bay.

C. P. Johnson

Matthew F. Stiling

M. H. Williams

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 465 Thursday 23 December 1943.
Zone Description -11

REMARKS

00 - 04 - Beached at Cape Sudest off "B" jetty. Main engines secured. Taking on cargo.

S. W. Schallert

04 - 08 - Beached as before. 0540 - Completed loading.

Ross J. Whitlock

08 - 12 - Beached as before. 0928 - Special Beach Detail set. All lines taken in and engines backing at various speeds to retract. 1006 - Retracting from beach. 1007 - Stern anchor housed. Proceeding on various courses to nearby anchorage. 1020 - Anchored off Cape Sudest, one and one-half (1½) shackles of chain out.

Geo. F. Woodliff

12 - 16 - Anchored as before. 1400 - Provost Marshall, U. S. Army, Oro Bay advised to transfer Garnet Grafton HEMMINGS, SK3c, 755 51 68, USNR, to 362nd. Station Hospital, U. S. Army, Oro Bay.

C. P. Johnson

16 - 20 - Anchored as before.

S. W. Schallert

20 - 24 - Anchored as before. 2130 - Ensign Specter, LST 456, came aboard with six men for transportation, also supplies for that ship.

Ross J. Whitlock

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 465 Friday 24 December 1943.

REMARKS

00 - 04 - Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea. Main engines secured. Ship is darkened. 0330 - No. 2 auxiliary engine went off the line. Gyro compass went off. Captain and Engineer Officer notified.

Geo. F. Woodliff

Geo. F. Woodliff

04 - 08 - Anchored as before. - 0415 - Gyro compass turned back on.

C. P. Johnson

C. P. Johnson

08 - 12 - Anchored as before. 1058 - General Quarters drill. 1105 - Watch "ABLE" takes the watch. 1106 - Sounded General Quarters. 1107 - Watch "BAKER" takes the watch. 1115 - Secured from all drills.

S. W. Schallert

S. W. Schallert

12 - 16 - Anchored as before. 1357 - Set Special Sea Detail. All preparations made for getting underway. 1400 - Commenced heaving in bow anchor. 1404 - Anchor aweigh. 1405 - Port engine ahead one-third, starboard back two-thirds. 1409 - All engines ahead two-thirds. On various courses and speeds preceeding in to beach in slot 1 to take troops aboard. 1415 - Let go stern anchor. 1418 - Beached 25 feet from beach ramp. Bow lines run out to beach. 1422 - Bow doors opened. 1425 - Started running engines at various speeds to square ship with finger pier. 1450 - Main engines secured. 1455 - Troops started coming aboard. Total of 224 enlisted men and 37 officer aboard.

Ross J. Whitlock

Ross J. Whitlock

16 - 20 - Beached as before. 1620 - All lines taken in and engines backing at various speeds to retract. Ballasts tanks being pumped out. 1653 - Retracted from beach. 1657 - Stern anchor housed. Underway in convoy with LST 466, flagship, and six other LSTs in column order to anchor off Buna, New Guinea. 1829 - Bow anchor let go, 3 shackles of chain, in accordance with order of flagship. Anchored off Buna, New Guinea. 1920 - Ship is darkened.

Geo. F. Woodliff

Geo. F. Woodliff

20 - 24 - Anchored as before.

C. P. Johnson

C. P. Johnson

Matthew F. Stirling

M. H. Williams

REMARKS

00 - 04 - Anchored off Buna, New Guinea. Ship is darkened. 0225 - All preparation made for getting underway. 0237 - Underway to position in convoy at various courses and speeds. 0330 - Underway in accordance with Commander Task Force 76 Operation Plan 3B-43. Set course at 330 T, and formed column open order.

S. W. Schallert

04 - 08 - Underway as before. 0425 - C/s to 260 RPM. 0440 - C/s to 205 RPM. 0512 - C/s to 240 RPM. 0554 - Cape Ward Hunt light sighted bearing 326 T. 0710 - Started forming double column. 0712 - C/s to 220 RPM. 0715 - Cape Ward Hunt light abeam to port. Distance one and one-half miles. 0720 - C/s to 240 RPM. 0725 - C/c to 334 T. 0746 - Formed column open order.

Ross J. Whitlock

08 - 12 - Underway as before. 0813 - C/c to 354 T., C/s to 180 RPM. 0815 - C/s to 250 RPM. 1012 - Set speed at nine and one-half knots.

Geo. F. Woodliff

12 - 16 - Underway as before. 1408 - C/s to nine knots. 1416 - C/c to 036 T. Received orders to proceed as previously directed. 1417 - All engines stop to fall out of convoy. 1428 - C/s to two-thirds ahead proceeding in behind LST 26. 1459 - Set course 004 T at standard speed. 1503 - C/c to 320 T. 1517 - C/c to 297 T heading toward Cape Cretin. 1543 - C/c to 277 T. 1545 - Received orders from Commander Group Twenty to lie to off entrance to beach. 1554 - C/c to 250 T. All engines ahead two-thirds. 1559 - All engines stop.

C. P. Johnson

16 - 20 - Underway as before, lying to off entrance to Cape Cretin. 1745 - Preparing to anchor. 1822 - Anchored off Cape Cretin, five and one-half shackles of chain out. 1917 - Started heaving on bow anchor. 1921 - Underway on various courses and speeds to take position in convoy. Underway as part of Task Unit 76.2.2, Commander Task Force 76 Operation Plan 3B-43. 1944 - Set course on 050 T. 1947 - Ship reported darkened.

S. W. Schallert

20 - 24 - Underway as before. 2015 - Steadied on course 050 T. Speed standard. 2100 - C/c to 000 pgc. 2225 C/c to 330 pgc.

Ross J. Whitlock

Matthew F. Stiling

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M. H. Williams

M. H. WILLIAMS

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 465

Sunday 26 December 1943.

REMARKS

00 - 04 - Underway on course 330 T and gyro, speed standard, in column open order, third ship in first column in Task Unit 76.2.2 Com Task Force 76's Operation Plan 3B-43. Ship is in condition of readiness III, Material Condition BAKER. Ship is darkened. 0255 C/c to 030 T and gyro. 0305 - C/c to 010 T and gyro.

Geo. F. Woodliff

04 - 08 - Underway as before. 0530 - C/c to 060 T. 0605 - C/c to 099 T. 0653 - General Quarters. 0735 - C/s to 130 RPM.

C. P. Johnson

08 - 12 - Underway as before. 0805 - C/s to 250 RPM. 0835 - RT of Sakar Island abeam to starboard, bearing 165 T. 0905 - LT of Sakar Island abeam to starboard bearing 165 T. 0907 - Advised of approach of enemy aircraft. 0928 - Secured from General Quarters - Set Condition II. 1008 - C/c to 090 T. C/s to 200 RPM. 1046 - C/c to 105 T. 1112 - C/c to 115 T. 1121 - C/s to Standard.

S. W. Schallert

12 - 16 - Underway as before. On various courses and at various speeds proceeding to beach. 1315 - Condition One Mike set. 1418 - Stern anchor let go. 1419 - Beached in slot 2, Beach Yellow #2, Cape Gloucester, New Britain with bow doors open. Ramp lowered. 1430 - Started unloading. 1500 - General alarm sounded. All guns manned. 1507 - Japanese planes sighted bombing LSTs and destroyers convoy approximately two miles out from beach. American P-38s intercepted and one Japanese plane was seen to crash. One Japanese plane headed at this ship from starboard quarter, was fired at by AA guns of this ship and two other LSTs on beach, veered off to right and was seen smoking heading into the jungle. Six American B-25s came over stern of this ship from starboard, were mistaken for enemy planes and were fired on by AA guns on all LSTs on beach. One fell into bay and another was see smoking. This ship fired 100 rounds of 20 MM, 130 rounds of 50 Cal. and 3 rounds of 3"50 Cal., no casualties. Marine 40 MM gun crew aboard also fired undetermined number of rounds. All passengers disembarked.

Geo. F. Woodliff

26 - 20 - Beached as before. 1805 - Received orders from Captain Scruggs to retract at once. 1810 - All engines back full. 1811 - Off beach, all engines stopped. 1818 - Stern anchor housed. On various courses and speeds forming up with Task Unit 76.2.2 to return to Oro Bay. All mobile loaded cargo unloaded. About 55 per cent or approximately 90 tons of bulk cargo not unloaded. 1829 - Secured from General Quarters, Set Condition III. 1845 - Set course 335 T. 1908 - C/c to 275 T. Darkened ship. 1910 C/c to 280 RPM. 1928 C/c to 280 T.

C. P. Johnson

20 - 24 - Underway as before. 2223 - C/c to 272 T.

S. W. Schallert

Matthew F. Stiling

MATTHEW F. STILING
Commanding

M. H. Williams

M. H. WILLIAMS
Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 465 Monday 27 December 1943.

REMARKS

00 - 04 - Underway en course 273 pgc., speed standard, in column open order, third ship in starboard column, in Task Unit 76.2.2. Ship is in Condition of Readiness III, Material Condition BAKER. Ship is darkened. 0005 - C/c to 230 pgc. 0100 - C/c to 190 pgc. 0320 - C/c to 150 pgc.

Ross J. Whitlock

04 - 08 - Underway as before. 0716 - C/c to 174 T.

Geo. F. Woodliff

08 - 12 - Underway as before. 0750 - Sighted Tami Island bearing 196 T. 0926 - C/c to 215 T.

C. P. Johnson

12 - 16 - Underway as before. 1342 - C/c to 208 T. 1428 - C/c to 163 T. 1437 - C/c to 132 T.

S. W. Schallert

16 - 20 - Underway as before. 1838 - C/s to 190 RPM., C/c to 162 T. 1843 - C/s to 240 RPM. 1840 - Mitre Rock sighted bearing 169 T. 1905 - Ship reported darkened. 1910 - Marker sighted bearing 131 T. 1945 - C/s to 190 RPM.

Ross J. Whitlock

20 - 24 - Underway as before. 2006 - Mitre Rock light abeam to starboard, distance three miles. 2010 - Ships formed in single column, open order. 2250 - Uncharted light sighted, flashing once every five seconds. Proceeding to anchor off Buna, New Guinea, at various speeds and on various courses.

Geo. F. Woodliff

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Commanding

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Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 465 Tuesday 28 December 1943.

REMARKS

00 - 04 - Course 162 T. All engines stopped coming to anchorage off Cape Sudest, New Guinea. 0000 - Dropped bow anchor, let out five shackles. 0005 - Secured main engines. Ship is darkened. Ship is in condition of readiness III, Material condition BAKER.

C. P. Johnson

04 - 08 - Anchored as before. 0445 - Began taking in anchor. 0515 - Underway to anchorage off Cape Sudest on various courses and speeds. 0624 - Let go bow anchor. 0639 - Anchored off Cape Sudest, five shackles in the water. 0640 - Secured main engines and anchor detail, ship is lighted. Draft 2' 6" forward.

S. W. Schallert

08 - 12 - Anchored as before.

Ross J. Whitlock

12 - 16 - Anchored as before.

Geo. F. Woodliff

16 - 20 - Anchored as before. 1800 - HILL, William Ernest, F2c, 665 68 68, USN, reported back aboard from 363rd. Station Hospital, U. S. Army, Oro Bay, medical treatment being completed. HEMMINGS, Garnet Grafton, 755 51 68, SK3c, V-6, reported back aboard from 362nd. Station Hospital, U. S. Army, Oro Bay, medical treatment being completed.
Ensign William Winder, ESCHERICH, D-V(G), USNR, and Ensign Warren Leslie, JOHN, D-V(G), USNR reported aboard for duty.

C. P. Johnson

20 - 24 - Anchored as before.

S. W. Schallert

Matthew F. Stiling
MATTHEW F. STILING
Commanding

M. H. Williams
M. H. WILLIAMS
Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 465 Wednesday 29 December 1943.

REMARKS

00 - 04 - Anchored off Cape Sudest, 1000 yards south of "B" jetty with one shackle of chain out. Main engines and wheel secured. Ship is darkened.

Ross J. Whitlock

04 - 08 - Anchored as before. 0705 - All preparation for getting underway made. 0720 - Special Beach Detail set. 0728 - Anchor aweigh, proceeding on various courses and at various speeds to beach at Cape Sudest to load cargo. 0745 - Stern anchor let go. 0747 - Beached at Cape Sudest, New Guinea, Slot 5.

Geo. F. Woodliff

08 - 12 - Beached as before. 0800 - All engines ahead one-third. 0810 - Stopped all engines. 0825 Main engines secured. 0830 - Started taking on cargo.

C. P. Johnson

12 - 16 - Beached as before.
1410 - CAPTAIN'S MAST - Case of HEMMINGS, Garnet Grafton, 755 51 68, SK 3/c, V-6. Offense: (1) Disobeying the lawful orders of his superior officer. (2) Forcibly resisting arrest. Punishment: Awarded Deck Court-Martial.

1430 - DECK COURT - Case of HEMMINGS, Garnet Grafton, 755 51 68, SK 3/c, V-6. Offense: (1) While attached to and so serving on board USS LST 465, having, on or about 1800, December 22, 1943, on board said ship, been lawfully ordered by one Manning H. Williams, Lieutenant (jg), U. S. Naval Reserve, the Executive officer of said ship, to quit arguing and to return to his quarters, did then and there refuse to obey and did wulfully disobey said lawful order; the United States then being in a state of war. (2) In that HEMMINGS did, on or about 1800, December 22, 1943, while being lawfully placed under arrest by one Archie (none) Clark, MoMM 1c, and one Ernest John Juskialas, Sea 1c, forcibly resist arrest. Finding: Both specifications proved by plea. Sentence: To reduction to the next inferior rating.

S. W. Schallert

16 - 20 - Beached as before. 1730 - Troops came aboard for transportation; 218 enlisted men and 10 officers, consisting of Engineers Aviation Batt., U. S. Army. 1830 - Finished loading cargo. 1835 - Set Special Sea Detail. 1836 - All preparations made for getting underway. 1841 - Quarter lines in. 1844 - Ramp closed. 1845 - Bow doors closed. Bow lines in. 1847 - All back full. 1848 - Retracted from beach. 1850 - Stern anchor aweigh. 1851 - At various speeds on various courses proceeding off Cape Sudest to anchor. 1903 - Let go bow anchor. 1905 - Secured from Special Sea Detail.

Ross J. Whitlock

20 - 24 - Anchored as before.

Geo. F. Woodliff

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MATTHEW F. STILING
Commanding

M. H. Williams
M. H. WILLIAMS
Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 465 Thursday 30 December 1943.

REMARKS

00 - 04 - Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea, one shackle of chain out. Main engines and wheel secured. Ship is darkened.

C. P. Johnson

04 - 08 - Anchored as before.

S. W. Schallert

08 - 12 - Anchored as before. 0733 - All preparations made for getting underway. Set Special Sea Detail. 0737 - Commenced heaving in anchor. 0814 - Anchor aweigh. 0815 - On various courses and speeds proceeding away from Cape Sudest beach. 0820 - Passed between buoys marking shoals. 0824 - Steadied on course 085 T. 0835 - Preparations made to anchor. 0850 - Stopped all engines. 0900 - Let go bow anchor, three shackles on deck. 0903 - Secured Special Sea Detail. Main engines secured.

Ross J. Whitlock

12 - 16 - Anchored as before. 1440 - All preparations for getting underway made. 1542 - Underway on various courses and at various speeds, proceeding to another anchorage off Cape Sudest, New Guinea. Awaiting orders from Flagship LST 459. 1400 - CAPTAIN'S MAST - Case of HOLLAND, Omar Bradley, 612 89 91, Sea 1/c, V-6. Offense: While attached to and so serving on board USS LST 465, having on December 30, 1943, been regularly posted as gangway watch messenger, did, at or about 0040, on said date, sleep while on said watch; the United States then being in a state of war. Finding: Proved by plea. Sentence: Reduction in rating from Sea 1/c to Sea 2/c.

Geo. F. Woodliff

16 - 20 - Underway as before. 1616 - Anchored with three shackles of bow anchor chain. 1745 - LCP(R) delivered to Commander LST Flotilla Seven at APc8 on his verbal orders. 1758 - Underway on orders from flag to anchor off Buna. 1903 - Buna four-mile-buoy abeam to port. 1912 - Anchored by bow anchor, three shackles of chain out. 1915 - Main engines secured. 1930 - Ship is darkened.

C. P. Johnson

20 - 24 - Anchored as before. 2220 - Underway as part of Echelon B-10, Commander Task Force 76's Operation Plan 4-43, Flagship LST 459, Lt. Comdr. D. M. Baker. On various courses and speeds to position in convoy. 2250 - Formed column open order. 2305 - Took departure steering course 332 pgc. 2330 - C/c to 312 pgc., Margret Shoal light abeam to port bearing 220 T. 2350 - C/c to 328 pgc.

S. W. Schallert

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Commanding

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Navigator

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UNITED STATES SHIP LST 465 Friday 31 December 1943.

REMARKS

00 - 04 - Underway on course 328 T, speed 250 RPM, in company with Task Unit 76.2.4, Commander Task Force 76's Operation Plan No. 4-43. 0135 - Sighted Cape Ward Hunt light bearing 326 T. 0212 - C/c to 005 T. 0247 - Cape Ward Hunt light abeam to port distance four and three-quarters miles. 0327 - C/c to 312 T.

Ross J. Whitlock

04 - 08 - Underway as before. 0715 - Convoy formed in two columns with this ship as guide of second section. 0732 - C/c to 035 T.

Geo. F. Woodliff

08 - 12 - Underway as before. 1150 - C/c to 354 T. 1200 - Formed "Vee" formation.

C. P. Johnson

12 - 16 - Underway as before. 1300 - General Quarters drill. 1310 - Abandon Ship drill. 1320 - Secured from all drills. 1506 - C/c to 325 ~~pgc.~~ T.

S. W. Schallert

16 - 20 - Underway as before. 1610 - Submarine contact made by escort destroyers. Sounded General Quarters. C/c to 010 T., C/s to 280 RPM. 1617 - C/c to 325 T and pgc. 1630 - Secured from General Quarters. 1655 - C/s to two-thirds ahead. 1659 - C/s to one-third ahead. 1702 - C/s to standard. 1717 - Formed 90 degrees to starboard of flagship taking distance 600 yards. Sections forming column open order.

Ross J. Whitlock

20 - 24 - Underway as before. 2109 - C/c to 000 T. 2351 - C/c to 054 T.

Geo. F. Woodliff

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